Steps to reduce the risks of accidental use of Nuclear Weapons

*175. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has urged the nuclear weapon States to undertake immediate and urgent steps to reduce the risks of unintentional and accidental use of nuclear weapons;

(b) if so, the reaction of the United Nations in this regard; and

(c) to what extent the use of nuclear weapons would be checked in the world?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) At India's initiative a new resolution "Reducing Nuclear Danger" was adopted by the UN General Assembly last year. The resolution, *inter alia'*, calls for a review of nuclear doctrines and in that context, immediate and urgent steps to reduce the risks of unintentional and accidental use of nuclear weapons. The resolution was introduced again this year. 104 countries voted in favour of the resolution, 43 against and there were 17 abstentions. Government hopes that this initiative would help generate momentum towards the adoption of measures that reduce the threat of nuclear war and promote nuclear disarmament.

In-Effectiveness of Bureaucratic Machinery

*176. DR. (MS.) P. SELVIE DAS:
SHRI GANDHI AZAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in The *Tribune* dated the 19th November, 1999 under the caption "overhaul administrative machinery" wherein it has been stated that the bureaucratic machinery has since collapsed due to casualness and inefficiency in their management;

(b) whether any assessment about efficiency of bureaucratic imperialism has been made;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is a fact that bureaucratic sprawl, imperialism and